

EXPLANATION OF DISCIPLINARY LANGUAGE AND ACTIONS

Accusation

A legal document filed against a licensee, containing charges and allegations of violations of law.

Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation

A legal document containing charges and allegations of violations of law as well as charges and allegations of violating a prior disciplinary decision (terms and conditions of probation).

Citation and Fine

A Citation and Fine may be issued to applicants, licensees and employers for violations of the Respiratory Care Practice Act and its regulations.

Denial

The application for licensure as a respiratory care practitioner, filed by an applicant, is denied.

Decision

A Decision contains the final order of the Board. Decisions can derive from negotiated settlements and Administrative Law Judges' proposed decisions.

Interim Suspension Order (ISO)

Issued by an Administrative Law Judge to halt practice immediately. [In rare instances, may be used to place restrictions on a license.]

Petition to Revoke Probation

A legal document containing charges and allegations of violating a prior disciplinary decision (terms and conditions of probation).

Probation

A conditional or probationary license is issued to an applicant or licensee with terms and conditions as a result of disciplinary action.

Public Reprimand

A lesser form of discipline that can be negotiated for minor violations.

Public Reprimand by Default

Same as Public Reprimand with the exception that the licensee or applicant did not participate with all or part of the disciplinary process (defaulted).

Revocation

The license is canceled, voided, annulled, rescinded. The right to practice is ended.

Revocation by Default

Same as Revocation with the exception that the licensee did not participate with all or part of the disciplinary process (defaulted).

Statement of Issues

When an applicant for licensure is informed the application will be denied for cause, the applicant has a right to demand a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. This process is initiated by the filing of a Statement of Issues, which is similar to an Accusation.

Surrender

While charges are pending, the licensee turns in the license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings - subject to acceptance by the Board.

Suspension

The licensee is prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.

Voluntary Surrender

A final order resulting from negotiations between the Board and a licensee with a probationary or conditional license, allowing the licensee to surrender or turn in the license at the licensee's request.